

In the claims:

B1 (Amended)8. A composition for regeneration of articular cartilage comprising an effective amount of at least one purified bone morphogenetic protein (BMP) effective for the regeneration of said articular cartilage.

(Amended)9. A composition for regeneration of articular cartilage comprising an effective amount of a tissue source in combination with an effective amount of at least one purified bone morphogenetic protein (BMP) effective for the regeneration of said articular cartilage.

B2 (Amended)12. A composition for regeneration of articular cartilage comprising an effective amount of at least one purified protein selected from the group consisting of Vgr-2, growth and differentiation factors (GDFs), and bone formation-inducing protein(BIP) effective for the regeneration of said articular cartilage.

REMARKS

Claims 8, 9 and 12 have been amended to delete the language "administering to an area in need of regeneration of said articular cartilage" which language is not appropriate in these composition claims. Such language remains in the method claims. A Version With Markings to Show Changes Made accompanies this response. Claims 1-21 remain in